

FBIS-1112/86
2 April 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director

VIA: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Director of Logistics

FROM:
Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

SUBJECT: Request for Approval: FBIS Okinawa Housing Renovation

1. This memorandum requests your approval for FBIS to enter into agreement with the Corps of Engineers to contract for the renovation of housing facilities at the FBIS bureau on the Kadena AFB in Okinawa. Most of the housing is substandard and maintenance costs, especially in personnel required, are excessively high.

2. In FY-85 FBIS received approval to fund through the Corps of Engineers an A&E study on Okinawa housing. That study is now complete. It recommends a phased construction program over 6 years at a cost of \$4M, with some buildings completely rebuilt and others fully renovated. FBIS had hoped to carry out the renovation project as laid out in the A&E study, but the failure of its FY-88 new initiative for this purpose will slow down the project. FBIS remains strongly committed to carrying this project through and has committed base funds to begin renovations this FY.

3. The Okinawa housing units do not meet today's standards for human engineering. Most of the units are early postwar military designs and include few concessions to privacy or comfort. They certainly do not meet the standards observed now for Agency personnel assigned abroad and in their current state create a morale problem at the bureau. The units were constructed with little concern for energy efficiency, and energy and maintenance costs are high.

4. FBIS has fully coordinated its plans for Okinawa housing with OL/RECD, which has expressed complete agreement with the above comments on the quality of current Okinawa housing. RECD agrees that renovations are required and that FBIS should proceed with a phased renovation plan based on the A&E study but limited to available funds each fiscal year.

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5. Request your approval for FBIS to enter into an agreement with the Corps of Engineers to begin renovations to Okinawa Bureau housing, not to exceed \$350,000 in FY-86 funds.

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CONCUR:

Director of Logistics

Date

Deputy Director for Science and Technology

Date

APPROVED:

Executive Director

Date

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